

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY (LEADING ORGANS)

PRESIDIUM

SECRETARIAT

FULL MEMBERS		CANDIDATE MEMBERS			
OLD	NEW	OLD	NEW	OLD	NEW
A.B. Aristov	L.I. Brezhnev	V.V. Grishin	V.V. Grishin	N.S. Khrushchev - 1st Secy	N.S. Khrushchev - 1st Secy
L.I. Brezhnev	N.S. Khrushchev	Ya. E. Kalnberzin	K.T. Mazurov	F.R. Kozlov	P.N. Demichev*
Ye.A. Furtseva	A.N. Kosygin	A.P. Kirilenko	V.P. Mzhavanadze	O.V. Kuusinen	L.F. Illichev*
N.G. Ignatov	F.R. Kozlov	D.S. Korotchenko	Sh.R. Rashidov*	N.A. Mukhitdinov	F.R. Kozlov
N.S. Khrushchev	O.V. Kuusinen	K.T. Mazurov	V.V. Shcherbitsky*	M.A. Suslov	O.V. Kuusinen
A.N. Kosygin	A.I. Mikoyan	V.P. Mzhavanadze			B.N. Ponomarev*
F.R. Kozlov	N.V. Podgorny	M.G. Pervukhin			A.N. Shelepin*
O.V. Kuusinen	D.S. Polyansky	P.N. Pospelov			I.V. Spiridonov*
A.I. Mikoyan	N.M. Shvernik	G.I. Voronov			M.A. Suslov
N.A. Mukhitdinov	M.A. Suslov				
N.V. Podgorny	G.I. Voronov				
D.S. Polyansky					
N.M. Shvernik					
M.A. Suslov					

*Individuals elected to Presidium or Secretariat for first time.
Listed below are their other current positions.

Demichev - Party 1st Secretary, Moscow City

Shcherbitsky - Premier, Ukrainian Republic

Illichev - Head, Propaganda & Agitation Department of
the Party's Central Staff

Shelepin - Chairman, Committee of State Security (KGB)
under the Council of Ministers, USSR

Ponomarev - Head, International Department of
the Party's Central Staff

Spiridonov - Party 1st Secretary, Leningrad Oblast

Rashidov - Party 1st Secretary, Uzbek Republic

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1. Soviet party changes

a) The reshuffling of the top party command announced yesterday leaves the central core of the leadership--Khru-shchev, Kozlov, Mikoyan, et al--pretty much intact, with most of the changes falling among the second tier. The shaping of Soviet policy appears to remain essentially in the same hands;

b) the policymaking Presidium has been cut from 14 to 11 full members while the Secretariat, the party's administrative arm, has been increased from 5 to 9. We see these as part of a periodic refurbishing of the upper echelons.

c) the changes include a shift in the party's top level agricultural leadership, a reflection of persistent difficulties in that area, and the demotion of the party man most involved in relations with Albania. 50X1



2. Congo

The stage is being set for a new period of tension and crisis:

a) Gizenga may now have as many as 5,000 troops in the area bordering on Katanga. By moving troops out of Stanleyville for this build-up, however, Gizenga is gambling with the security situation in his own backyard;

b) UN sources in Leopoldville, meanwhile, say that Adoula government forces are trying to capture an airstrip just inside the Katanga border. The UN shows no inclination to intervene;

c) a telephone call by Tshombé, before he left Elizabethville, indicates that he is in Geneva to make contact with the representative of an unnamed foreign power which has offered financial and diplomatic support. 50X1

d) Soviet representative Zorin says he plans to raise the Congo issue in the Security Council soon. 50X1
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3. Baghdad "buzzing with rumors" of anti-Qasim move

Our Embassy reports widespread Iraqi feeling that Qasim is "nearing the end of his rope" and notes that his popular support has declined sharply in recent months. Dissident military elements may be encouraged by the impending departure of Qasim's trusted chief of General Staff for several months [redacted] in Europe. 50X6
[redacted] 50X1

NOTES

- A. The US Mission in Saigon finds a nearly unanimous desire for the sending of US troops to South Vietnam. Most Vietnamese merely want the reassurance of having a US presence in the country but concede that a combat role for US troops could eventually arise.
- B. Finland's non-Communist parties are making efforts to work out a common front to deal with renewed pressure from Moscow. The Soviet note to Finland has produced a crisis atmosphere in Sweden, which fears for its own neutrality. 50X1
- C. A Laotian rebel message yesterday stated that the Meo guerrilla attack on Xieng Khouang town is continuing, contrary to earlier indications that it had ended. [REDACTED] 50X1

- E. There were two Soviet nuclear tests at Novaya Zemlya yesterday morning. [REDACTED] 50X1

- F. In Algeria, Moslem demonstrations are causing widespread disorders. Our latest information indicates, however, that the security forces still have the situation in control.

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